

Minutes  
Annual Meeting  
Kingston Fire District  
Kingston Fire Station  
May 5, 2008

**Call to Order:** Moderator Angelo Mendillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He noted that seventeen qualified electors had signed in and were present which constituted a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 annual meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chiefs' Report:** Chief Barrington briefly reviewed his annual chief's report to the taxpayers as well as the report of Deputy Chief Notarianni. A motion was made and seconded to accept the chiefs' reports as distributed. The motion carried.

Moderator Mendillo introduced James E. O'Neil, attorney for the Kingston Fire District. A motion was made to permit Atty. O'Neil permission to speak but not vote during the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Vignali reviewed the treasurer's report. He explained the purposes of the three reserve accounts. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. The motion carried.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Linda Mendillo reviewed the tax collector's report which indicated a 99.65% collection rate for tax year 2006 and a 96.4 % collection rate for tax year 2007. She indicated that letters have been sent to the two property owners who have not paid 2006 taxes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the tax collector's report. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to conduct.

**Approval of Budget:** July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

President McNab moved that the budget be approved as presented, and that the Board of Wardens be directed to calculate the tax rate, based on the valuation of assessed property according to the South Kingstown Tax Assessor's rolls as of December 31, 2007 plus or minus five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to account for differences in the tax base due to authorized abatements and additions to the tax roll throughout the tax year, so as to raise the amount of money specified in the budget to be raised by taxation. The motion was seconded by Bill Metz.

Thomas Vignali reviewed the budget highlights. After a brief discussion in accordance with the by-laws, Moderator Mendillo asked if anyone wanted a paper ballot. Since there was no request for a paper ballot he called for the vote. The motion passed with no negative votes.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Committee Chair Leon Thiem made a motion to accept the nominating committee report as distributed. Vin Rose seconded the motion. Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none he called for the vote. The motion carried.

**Other New Business:**

**MOTION:** President McNab made a motion that was seconded by Warden Packer to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the year-end surplus to the Length of Service Award Program Special Revenue Fund. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** President McNab made a motion which was seconded by Warden Rose to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer \$1,168.75 of the year-end surplus to the 2008-2009 budget to be utilized for the completion of the web site project. The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** President McNab made a motion which was seconded by Warden Rose to authorize the Board of Wardens to expend up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), if available, of the current year surplus for the purchase of equipment needed for the new fire engine. The Motion carried.

**MOTION:** President McNab made a motion which was seconded by Leon Thiem to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer any remaining surplus funds from the 2007-2008 year to the Capital Reserve Account. The Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Don Packer made and Leon Thiem seconded a motion to adjourn which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Fortin, Clerk